

REMARKS

The Cross-Reference to Related Applications section has been amended to identify the application as a divisional, which claims priority from copending U.S. application 09/974,917.

Independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to conform to the base case. Applicants have amended the originally filed parent application by canceling claims 11-14.

*Conclusion*

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended changes. Allowance of claims 1-10 at an early date is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-0365 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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